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Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" May I know whether Government would be pleased to appoint an officer of proved honesty on such an important question like the present ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" We regard all our officers as honest until the contrary is proved."

Irrigation

Increase of the pay of Lock and Wharf Superintendents.

* 176 Q.—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to question No. 1571 on 1st March 1929 relating to the increase of pay of Lock and Wharf Superintendents—

(*a*) whether the Government have considered the matter and have arrived at any final decision about the same ; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place the decision on the table of the House ?

A.—The memorials are still under consideration.

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" May I know for how long this matter has been under the consideration of Government, and can they expect to come to any decision at any time ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I must ask for notice."

Supply of water to the Byalahalu tank of Kadzabal, Hadagalli taluk.

* 177 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the progress made in the investigation of a scheme to supply water to the Byalahalu tank of Kadzabal, Hadagalli taluk, from Hagari river ; and

(*b*) when the investigation is likely to be completed and when the estimates will be ready ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) It is expected that the investigation of the Belahal project will be completed by September 1929 and the plans and estimates may be ready by that time.

Inams

Alleged withholding of tasdik allowance to Mahalingeshwar temple.

* 178 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the tasdik of Rs. 16 due to the trustee of Muddanna Mahalingeshwar temple No. 151 of Inna village, Mangalore taluk, has been withheld, and if so, for how long and for what reasons ;

(*b*) whether it has been withheld for the reason that the buildings are not repaired ;

(*c*) whether the repairs would cost about Rs. 10,000 and if not, how much ;

(*d*) whether the Government have given any directions as to how the services are to be carried on ; and

(*e*) whether Government will issue orders at once to pay the tasdik ?

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A.—(*a*) Yes; for faslis 1337 and 1338. The Tahsildar withheld payment under a misapprehension.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) About Rs. 5,000.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) The question of the payment of the tasdik is being considered by the Collector.

Land Revenue

Reclassification of dry lands converted into wet and garden lands in Malabar.

*179 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have ordered the reclassification of dry lands converted into wet and garden lands in Malabar with a view to levy wet and garden assessment on them;

(*b*) whether the Special Settlement Officer has reported to the Government that lands similarly improved in South Kanara should also be reclassified and whether the Government have passed any orders in regard to this matter;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that the conversion of dry land into wet or garden and of single-crop land into double-crop land is made entirely at the ryots' expense on the West Coast; and

(*d*) whether the Government propose to levy higher assessment on such lands and tax the ryots' improvements?

A.—(*a*) The Settlement Officer has been instructed to proceed on these lines in preparing his settlement report but a final decision has not yet been arrived at.

(*b*) The proposals as tentatively approved by the Government for the purpose of enabling the Settlement Officer to prepare his scheme for South Kanara are—

(1) that it is unnecessary to reclassify any existing garden lands, either by raising the present class or by lowering it;

(2) that it is not necessary to reclassify any wet land as garden;

(3) that dry lands converted into wet should be reclassified at the resettlement and that appropriate rates of wet assessment should be imposed on them;

(4) that dry lands which have been converted into garden should be reclassified as garden.

(*c*) & (*d*) The settlement notifications issued in 1900 and 1902 for Malabar and South Kanara expressly reserved to the Government the right to introduce at the end of the period of settlement such changes in the classification and assessment of 'wet', 'dry' and 'garden' lands as might then seem proper. The reclassification proposed is based on the same principles as those on which the classification now in force was based, and cannot in the circumstances be held to be in violation of the concession made in favour of ryots' improvements. In